office of the Dy. Commissioner. 35 persons were injured in the lathi charge while 7 policemen, including the SP, were injured in the stone pelting by the crowd.

**Declining rate of conviction of child rape cases**

376. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of conviction of child rape cases has been going down in different States during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, if so, the number of such cases reported and the percentage of cases of conviction in such cases in these years; and

(b) what steps have been taken and are proposed to be taken by Central Government to effectively deal with the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No separate figures are maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) regarding the rate of conviction in child rape cases. The data relating to the rate of conviction in rape cases and conviction under the Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1956 is indicated in the statement *(See* below)

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such, registration, investigation, detection and and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has, from time to time, been writing to the State Governments stressing upon them the need to take preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures in connection with crime against women and children.

**Statement**

*Cases convicted by Courts*

| | Total No. of cases for trial | Convicted | Acquitted | Disposal (3+4) | % of conviction w.r.t. disposal |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rape | | | | | |
| 1998 | 58655 | 2577 | 7161 | 9738 | 26.46% |
| 1999 | 62466 | 2952 | 7808 | 10760 | 27.43% |
| Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1956 | | | | | |
| 1998 | 14302 | 7597 | 520 | 8117 | 93.59% |
| 1999 | 15423 | 8653 | 636 | 9289 | 93.15% |

**Seizure of animal skin by Delhi Police**

377. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: WUl the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tigers and Leopards skin numbering 11 have been seized by Delhi Police;

(b) if so, under what provisions of law the accused have been prosecuted;

(c) whether it was delected from where the skins have been acquired; and

(d) whether any forest officials are involved in this offence?